

**MASS INTENTIONS
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday, September 4

5:00pm (Sat. Evening Vigil) Camilo Jordan
8:00 Iolando DiNardo
10:00 Charles & Massina Romeo
12:00 Vincent Pena

Monday, September 5

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 Anna Gambino

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 Jan Horton

Thursday, September 8– Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Vaidas & Joseph Blazaitis

Friday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

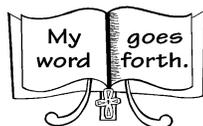
9:00 The Oliveira Family

Saturday, September 10

9:00 Lucille Bettinardi

Sunday, September 11

5:00pm (Sat. Evening Vigil) Thomas McCarthy
8:00 Anita Arnold & Jean Baisley
10:00 Frank Mastro
12:00 Lillian Olesczuk



First Reading	Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading	Philemon 9-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

RESPONSE

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Fair Wages

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 32:7-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 10th

5:00pm Fr. Vernon

Sunday, September 11th

8:00am Fr. Francis
10:00am Fr. Vernon
12:00noon Fr. DeBellis

Thank you for your generosity

Offering

\$9,340

Please mark your envelope with the amount of your contribution, your name and address, so that we are able to record it for your year-end statement. If you are not a registered Parishioner we will gladly send you a registration form.



The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Helen Acebal, Madison Frost, Lisa Pitre, Marie**

Friedel, Doreen Anderson, Carolyn Brimm, Carolyn Iwanowski and Joseph Lambardo. Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Stephen Sidorik.**

At our baptismal font, new life through water and the Holy Spirit came to:



**John Michael Abitabilo
Georgia Margaret Savva
Hunter Matthew Tiedemann**

The people of Holy Spirit Parish welcome the newly baptized into our Christian community. Congratulations!



Please mark your calendar! The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 5th. Happy Labor Day to all.

From the Desk of Fr. John

This week we happily welcome back all the children of the Religious Education Program. We also welcome and thank all the catechists who have once again committed their time and talent to handing on the faith to our children for another year. I especially thank Mrs. Elizabeth Kogler whose dedicated leadership through the years has helped to provide a great program for all. This year, I too will join the ranks of catechists and teach one of the Confirmation Classes on Tuesdays. I look forward to meeting all the kids.

I pray that it will be a blessed year for our families. May we all draw closer to the Lord and to one another so that we may answer the prayer of the Holy Spirit, "that all may be one."

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -

If you would like more information on becoming a Catholic or need to complete the Sacraments of Holy Communion and have yet to register for the RCIA classes, please call the Parish Office. Classes begin soon in the Fall. All who successfully complete the program will receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil next Spring.

The Annual Golf Outing and Dinner - Monday, October 3rd, 2016 -

I would like to encourage everyone to join fellow parishioners and friends for this great social and fundraiser event. Since my coming to Holy Spirit, I have found this to be a great day for all who participate. Even if you are not a golfer, we invite everyone to join us for the dinner in the evening.

I thank Art Pizzuto, George Kingsley, Patty Goethals and Beth Dorsa for their leadership in planning this event along with a host of volunteers who give of their time to make this a success each year.

You can make your reservations by picking up a flyer at the Church or at the Parish Office. More information is also available on our website. Join us and support this yearly event.

Below are some more upcoming events:

Year of Mercy Day of Recollection at Don Bosco Retreat Center -

On Saturday, September 17th, parishioners are invited to spend a morning in reflection at the Salesian Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY. Pope Francis' has designated this the "Year of Mercy" as a means to reconciling with our Lord and with each other. The morning will be spent listening to two talks by the Salesians and walking the beautiful grounds. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and lunch will be served. For more details and to make your reservation, please pick up a flyer at the church doors or at the Parish Office. Flyers are also available on our website.

The Blessing of the Animals -

On Sunday, October 2nd, in the tradition of St. Francis who loved all of God's Creation, we will bless the animals on the church grounds at 1:30pm. Deacon Larry Candarelli will do the honors.

A Presentation "The History and Spirituality of the Carmelites" -

On Tuesday, October 4th and Tuesday, October 11th, Fr. Francis Amodio, our weekend associate will lead a discussion on the Carmelites. We all know Fr. Francis to be both humorous and insightful. Join us.

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing more information on the new Senior Group and the Pastor's Advisory Board which are now in the planning stages.

Also, we thank Fr. Mahendra for all his help over this summer as it allowed Fr. Vernon and I some time away.
God Bless...Fr. John

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cave Quest, Following Jesus the Light of the World was amazing. The weather was beautiful. Our campers participated in all our activities with the help of our counselors.



Mrs. Guinta was incredible with “Deep Bible Quests” (one day, the campers reenacted Peter’s need for courage to step out of the boat and walk on water to Jesus). Our counselors (most Confirmation candidates and some high schoolers) led “Cavern Cafe”, “Spelunker Sports and Games”, “KidVid Cinema” and “Imagination Stations”. We learned bible stories about the Prophets foretelling the light of the world, Jesus and Peter walked on water, Jesus shed light on how to live our lives, that Jesus died and rose to new life and about His Ascension and how He empowered His followers. Join us next year for “Make Fun Factory, Created by God!”.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING BEGINS



Boys and girls 4th grade and up, we will be starting training for new altar servers on **Tuesday September 20th**. Training will be held for one hour every Tuesday in the church @**5:30PM**.

Please fill out a form available at the church exits, at the Parish office or on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

May God's Blessings be upon the children and families who respond to this very special way of serving the Lord. --Deacon Larry -- 914-736-1342.

Attention 30- and 40-somethings!

Here's what Catholic in Real Life has in store for you this summer. We hope to see you there!

3rd Annual CiRL Friday Night BBQ

Friday, 9/9/16 at 7pm

Church of the Holy Spirit Rectory Patio

Bring your favorite side dish and/or beverage to share!

RSVP to CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com or [Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life)

Midnight Run

Please take a moment sometime this week to join the parish Midnight Run team in the following prayer:

Almighty Father, please bless this Midnight Run. When the homeless receive the food especially prepared for them, we pray that through the food they would experience the extension of Your love for them. We pray, Father, that as they accept these gifts of clothing, not only would their bodies be protected, but their spirits would be cloaked in the majesty of Your love, and they would feel Your warmth and tenderness. Guide us, O Lord, in this mission. Help us to remember that we are channels of Your kindness and generosity and bless our volunteers. Amen

CHOIR NEWS

First through seventh graders are invited to join the **Children’s Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m. Adults are also invited to join the **Adult Choir**, which will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Come and get involved! If you have any questions, please call the office and leave a message for Joan, our Music Director. Hope to see you there!

Praise Life! Save lives!

Birthright of Peekskill will be training new volunteers in September. If you can give one morning/afternoon/evening per week in our office to meet women in a crisis pregnancy, please call (914)737-0344.

START WITH GRACE

Starting your day with prayer begins the day with grace. Set your alarm for 15 minutes earlier and get up the first time it goes off. Make a morning offering; ask for a safe commute, a productive day, for patience. It’s a small mortification that “strengthens your will and does no harm to your body” (St. Josemaria Escriva).

Even the hairs on your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid”. (Luke 12:7).

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